



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kazuo TAMURA et al.

Serial No.: 09/866,853

Examiner: John P. Sheehan

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Group Art Unit: 1742

Title: PREPARATION OF RARE EARTH PERMANENT MAGNETS

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments and additions to the **Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.